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Applicant: Shlomo Gabbay Art Unit: 3738
Serial No.: 09/973,609 Examiner: P. Prebilic
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Title: IMPLANTATION SYSTEM FOR IMPLANTATION OF A HEART VALVE PROSTHESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to a telephone interview with the Examiner on December 4, 2002, in which the Examiner issued a restriction requirement, prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, kindly amend the subject patent application as set forth herein.

A clean set of all pending claims, as amended herein, begins on the following page and a marked up version to show changes made is found at pages 11-17.